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SUBJECT: TARASOFF, Boris Dimitri - #104887

The file of the Subject person reveals the following information:

STATUS

Subject is being considered for the position of Intelligence Analyst, GS-7, in DDP/FI/Division D, Project PBJOINTLY, Washington, D. C. Clearance for Special Intelligence duties was requested on 18 August 1955.

BACKGROUND

Subject is 47 years of age, married, and naturalized Russian-born of naturalized Russian father and Russian mother (both deceased). Subject's stepmother is naturalized Russian-born. His wife is native born of naturalized Russian-born parents. Subject has no relatives by blood, marriage or adoption who live abroad or who are not citizens of the United States. Subject attended elementary school in Russia until 1920; and from 1920 to 1923 he attended British College, Constantinople, Turkey. Subject entered the United States in 1923 and became a U. S. citizen in 1936. From 1924 to 1926 Subject attended Russian University, New York City. From 1929 to 1941 he was engaged in private employment. During the period of 1941 to 1945 Subject served honorably in the United States Army, which included a period of service as a Special Agent in CIC in Germany. Since 1945 Subject has been privately employed.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

Investigation was conducted in accordance with current CIA procedures. Name checks conducted at FBI, ONI, State, CSC, HCUA, OSI, RI and Source K were negative concerning the Subject; spouse checks conducted at FBI, CSC, and HCUA were likewise negative. Source K checks regarding Subject's parents-in-law were also negative.

AGO records confirmed Subject's honorable military service. Military records also revealed that Subject was granted Secret and Confidential cryptographic clearance on the basis of a four-way record check and limited investigation conducted in 1944 by the Post Intelligence, Ft. Knox, Kentucky. The files also indicated that Subject had attended the Cadet Corps Training School of his Imperial Highness Alexander III in Russia for 2½ years.

I & NS files confirmed the U. S. citizenship of the Subject in 1936; of his father-in-law in 1936; and Subject's mother-in-law (now deceased) in 1954. Immigration records disclose no derogatory information concerning the Subject or his parents-in-law.

MID records revealed a favorable applicant investigation conducted concerning the Subject in 1945, during which time thirteen informants were interviewed. All informants endorsed Subject's loyalty and reputation for a position of trust. It was disclosed that Subject's family had fled from Russia in 1920, and that his father had been a Colonel in the Russian Army. OS Indices were negative concerning the Russian Cultural Club and the Russian Democratic Club of New York City in which Subject was a member, according to MID records. Subject's PHS noted membership in the Circle of Youth "Russian Culture," New York City, from 1936 to 1940.

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During the current investigation eleven developed informants and six listed references were interviewed. No informant questioned Subject's loyalty or trustworthiness; and no informant questioned or commented adversely on Subject's character, personality, associates or relatives. Subject appeared to be a very well-read individual who had never been involved in any trouble or scandal. Two neighbors observed that Subject was unusually quiet and that Subject has many "Russian friends who call at their home from time to time." However, the neighbors reflected no derogatory information concerning Subject's visitors. Subject is known to speak Russian well and has some knowledge of German and French. One informant believed that Subject's family was of the military aristocracy in Russia under the Czar; and that the family lived in Russia during the Revolution.

Informants advised that Subject is active in the Oakland, California CIO labor union. He attends meetings regularly and participates in union economic boycotts. The local union shop steward states that Subject takes an average member's interest in the affairs and proceedings of the local unions. Another informant volunteered information that Subject shows more interest than does the average citizen in political elections. He gets a sample ballot and studies and discusses qualifications of the candidates. Subject lists on his PHS membership in the CIO Greater Alameda County, Oakland, California, from February 1954 to Present (June 1955).

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